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GREAT news, folks—a spanking new outlet in the heart of Delhi, Oxford Bookstore, opens in Connaught Place. It's big, bright and better than the old one across the road in Statesman building. It really is great news, as bookstores are either shifting to faraway locations or shutting down. The iconic Gangarams in Bangalore moved shop. There was also buzz that Mumbai's much-loved The Strand book stall was closing down, a rumour strongly denied by the owners. But in the time of online bookstores, are traditional shops viable? "Of course, bookstores are growing. Besides, for me, it's a passion," says Priti Paul, who runs Oxford Bookstore.

